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1. THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY AUGUST 5 ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE
IN AN APPARENT RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF ASEAN BY THE LAO
AND VIETNAMESE PRESS COINCIDING WITH THE ASEAN SUMMIT IN
KUALA LUMPUR. THE RELEASE WAS INTRODUCED BY A "MALAY
PROVERB" TRANSLATED (BY THE INDONESIANS) AS FOLLOWS:
"WHILE THE DOGS ARE BARKING, THE CARAVAN PROCEEDS ITS
JOURNEY QUIETLY TOWARD ITS DESTINY." (USUALLY RENDERED
WE BELIEVE, "THE DOGS BARK; THE CARAVAN PASSES.")

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2. THE RELEASE IMPLICITLY ATTACKED COMMUNIST PRO-
PAGANDA REGARDING ASEAN STATES' FAILURE TO ATTAIN TRUE
INDEPENDENCE NOTING THAT "AFTER WORLD WAR II ASEAN
MEMBER COUNTRIES ALREADY ACHIEVED AND NO LONGER
STRUGGLE FOR THEIR REAL NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE." IT
EXPRESSED ASEAN'S "FULL SUPPORT" FOR THE STRUGGLE
OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES FOR THE...ABSENCE OF MILITARY

BASES, TROOPS AND PERSONNEL OF FOREIGN IMPERIALIST AND AGGRESSIVE FORCES, AND (IN A THINLY VEILED ATTACK ON THE PRESENCE OF PAVN TROOPS IN LAOS) "SOMETIMES OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ON THEIR TERRITORIES."

3. THE RELEASE PLEDGED ASEAN DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE "TO SUPPRESS AND ELIMINATE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY ELEMENTS, SUPPORTED AND FOSTERED BY OUTSIDE POWERS. THESE SUBVERSIONS AND INSURGENCIES ARE INTENDED TO CREATE DISORDERS WITHIN ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE TERRORIST SUBVERSIVE CRIMINALS, WHO ARE OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEMES WHICH ARE PLANNED BY THEIR FOREIGN MASTERS (A BLATANT AND UNDISGUISED ACT OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE BY FORCE THE IDEOLOGY AND THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE THAT PRESENTLY EXISTS WITHIN ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES INTO A TOTALITARIAN ONE."

4. THE RELEASE STRESSED THAT ASEAN "NURTURES NO ANIMOSITY TOWARDS ANY OTHER COUNTRY" SAYING THAT IT SOUGHT COOPERATION "INVOLVING COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND EVEN OPPOSING IDEOLOGIES." IT NOTED THAT ASEAN'S NEIGHBORS" RECENTLY DECLARED THEIR PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THAT THESE PRINCIPLES

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"COINCIDED WITH THE CONTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION SIGNED IN BALI, FEBRUARY 1976, BY THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES' LEADERS."

5. THE DOCUMENT EXPRESSED THE BELIEF, HOWEVER, THAT THE "LINGERING FEELING OF SUSPICION AS TO THE TRUE OBJECTIVES OF ASEAN" WHICH CHARACTERIZED RESPONSES TO ASEAN'S GESTURES OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL "CONSTITUTE A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE (WHICH) MAY IN TIME GIVE WAY TO UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE ... (BUT THAT) ... THE PROCESS MAY BE LONG ..."

6. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, THE INDONESIAN MISSION IN VIENTIANE FREQUENTLY ACTS AS SPOKESMAN FOR ASEAN, OCCASIONALLY STRIKING A SOMEWHAT PUGNACIOUS ATTITUDE.
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